announce that it has not so far yielded any good result.

As regards the queries the hon. Member has raised, definitely we are having a coordination committee between my Ministry and the Ministry of Surface Transport. In no way it is going to hinder the free flow of traffic and further expansions.

These jubilee outlets are created on the lands purchased by the oil companies. They are not on the lands of the National Highways.

श्री राजनाथ सिंह "सूर्य": माननीय मंत्री जी वे मैं यह मानना चाहता हूं कि पेट्रोल पम्पों के आवंटन में पहाड़ी और मैदानी क्षेत्रों के लिए जो दूरी का मापदंड है, वह सभी पर्वतीयों क्षेत्रों में अलग अलग है या एक ही है? अगर अलग अलग है तो जो मापदंड हिमाचल प्रदेश के लिए है, क्या उसी मापदंड के आधार पर उत्तर प्रदेश के उत्तरांचल में भी पेट्रोल पम्पों के आबंटन के बारे में नीति निर्धारित की जाएगी?

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, as I have explained earlier, the location of most of the petrol pumps is under the economic viability, the demand of the area and the sales potential. There is no uniform code or any kind of norms followed in all the hill areas. It all depends upon the economic viability.

श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे: माननीय सभापति जी, हिमाचल प्रदेश में जिन पेट्रोल पम्प का आबंटन हुआ है, इसमें एक ही आदमी को दो या तीन पेट्रोल पम्प दिये गये है या नहीं?

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Sir, if any such person has been allotted, it is against our rules and procedures. If it is brought to our notice, we will take action.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We will take up Question Nos. 342 and 353 together.

Rural Sanitation Programme in Gujarat

†*342. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Gujarat developed as model villages under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) the amount earmarked for this purpose during the year 1998-99;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat have sent the specific projects to Government for approval and release of funds under the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the likely time frame for clearance of the projects, if any, under consideration by Government??

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House?

Statement

(a) to (e) Rural Sanitation is a state Subject, State Governments implement in the Rural Sanitation Programmes under state-sector Minimum Needs Programmes (MNT). The Central Government supplement the States' efforts through financial and technical assistance through the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP).

It is a fact that there is a component of Development of model villages in the the States under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), Under this, each state may develop at least one model village every year and send suitable proposals to the Government of India for financial assistance.

No specific proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat, as of date for development of model villages in the state. during the last three years;

Rural Sanitation Programmes

†*353. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

†Question numbers 342 and 353 were taken together.